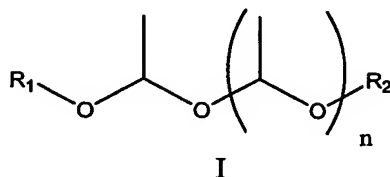


Claims

1. An acetaldehyde precursor according to formula I



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wherein R_1 and R_2 are selected such that both are $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, or both are linear, branched or cyclic alkyl, aryl, alcohol or sugar residues, and $n=1-10$, with the proviso that, when R_1 and R_2 are selected such that both are $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $n=1, 2, 3$ or 4 .

- 10 2. An acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 wherein n is 1, 2 or 3 and R_1 and R_2 are both $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

3. An acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 wherein n is 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 and the linear, branched or cyclic alkyl, aryl, alcohol or sugar residues are water-soluble.

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4. Use of an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3 as a flavoring or fragrance agent.

5. Use of an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3 as a component of a flavoring or fragrance formulation.

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6. A flavor or a fragrance formulation comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3.

- 25 7. A consumable product comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to any one of claims 1-3.

8. A flavor or fragrance composition according to claim 6 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which $n=1$, $n=2$ or $n=3$, and R_1 and R_2 both $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

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9. A consumable product according to claim 7 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which $n = 1, n = 2$ or $n = 3$, and R_1 and R_2 both $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.